

# THE SUN. SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 1850.

## TWENTY-ONE YOUNG LADIES

**Criticise the Fable Set for Them by Their Lindlady.**

SIXTEEN of them promptly quit the House of her Sister and went back to their "What they say and what she says."

During the last few months there has been a want of harmony in Miss Sarah H. Leight's printing and binding business, 68 Clinton place. Miss Leight is young, and is said to be a descendant of the old New York family of that name. She opened her home for a small working woman about two years ago. Miss Leight had a small book and stationery store under the Sunbeam House, from which she received an income. Her home or boarding house for young women, was to be conducted on the principle that the prices charged for board and rooms should be only what was necessary to cover expenses. Her house was recommended to the hundreds of young ladies who now come to this city each fall for the purpose of studying in the art schools, such as the Cooper Union, the Artists' League, and the Artistic Studio on Fourth Avenue. Miss Leight's house was never open to boarders, as Miss Leight, without showing that she was either a student prepared to earn her own livelihood, or a person of means, was not willing to be prominently engaged in her chosen avocation. The boarding house was first opened at 63 Clinton place, and was so successful that about a year ago Miss Leight moved the house to the opposite side of the street, No. 60. This house was capable of accommodating about sixty persons, and was well fitted up for the comfort of herself and set apart the back parlor for a public drawing room. The house throughout is fitted up with remarkable care and scrupulousness, and is full of every convenience which none but a tidy woman can bring about, and which even she cannot explain.

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In the evening the girls used to meet in the hall or in each other's rooms, and discuss the alleged misfortune of the housekeeper, and the steps taken after a hard day's study at the schools.

The prices they were paying ranged from \$3.50 to \$6.00, the average being \$4.50, or \$5.00, as there were no fees for board, and was gradually encroaching on her earnings, as the time approached for the closing of the art schools.

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